

1 STATE OF CONNECTICUT
2 CONNECTICUT SITING COUNCIL
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5 Docket No. 478

6 Eco-Site, Inc. and T-Mobile Northeast, LLC
7 application for a Certificate of Environmental
8 Compatibility and Public Need for the
9 construction, maintenance, and operation of a
10 telecommunications facility located at 63 Woodland
11 Street, Glastonbury, Connecticut
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14 Public Comment Session held at the
15 Glastonbury Town Hall, Council Chambers, 2155 Main
16 Street, Glastonbury, Connecticut, on Thursday,
17 January 11, 2018, beginning at 6:30 p.m.
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21 H e l d B e f o r e :

22 ROBERT STEIN, Chairman
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1 A p p e a r a n c e s :

2 Council Members:

3 SENATOR JAMES J. MURPHY, JR.,

4 Vice Chairman

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6 Designee for Commissioner Robert Klee

7 Department of Energy and Environmental

8 Protection

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10 Designee for Chair Katie Dykes

11 Public Utilities Regulatory Authority

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20 Executive Director and

21 Staff Attorney

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4 **LLC:**

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10 **Also present: Andrew J. DeSantis, Infinigy**

11 **Engineering**

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1 THE CHAIRMAN: Good evening, ladies and
2 gentlemen. I'd like to call to order this meeting
3 of the Connecticut Siting Council today, Thursday,
4 January 11, 2018, at approximately 6:30 p.m. My
5 name is Robin Stein. I'm Chairman of the
6 Connecticut Siting Council.

7 Other members of the Council present
8 are Senator Murphy, our vice chairman; Mr. Hannon,
9 designee for Commissioner Klee of the Department
10 of Energy and Environmental Protection;
11 Mr. Levesque, designee for Katie Dykes from the
12 Public Utilities Regulatory Authority;
13 Mr. Silvestri; Mr. Edelson; Mr. Lynch; and Dr.
14 Klemens.

15 Members of the staff present are
16 Melanie Bachman, our executive director and staff
17 attorney; and Robert Mercier, our siting analyst.

18 This is a continuation of a public
19 hearing that began at 3 p.m. this afternoon.
20 Copies of the hearing program and Council's
21 Citizens Guide to Siting Council Procedures are
22 available for members of the public. In addition,
23 there's a sign-up sheet in the back for those who
24 choose to sign up to speak.

25 This hearing is held pursuant to the

1 provisions of Title 16 of the Connecticut General
2 Statutes and of the Uniform Administrative
3 Procedure Act upon an application from Eco-Site,
4 Inc. and T-Mobile Northeast, LLC for a Certificate
5 of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for
6 the construction, maintenance, and operation of a
7 telecommunications facility proposed to be located
8 at 63 Woodland Street, Glastonbury, Connecticut.
9 This application was received by the Council on
10 September 18, 2017.

11 This application is also governed by
12 the Telecommunications Act of 1996, with is
13 administered by the Federal Communications
14 Commission. This act prohibits this Council from
15 considering the health effects of radio frequency
16 emissions on human health and wildlife to the
17 extent the emissions from towers are within the
18 federal acceptable safe limits standard, which
19 standard is also followed by the state Department
20 of Public Health. The Federal Act also prohibits
21 the Council from discriminating between and
22 amongst providers of functionally equivalent
23 services. This means that if one carrier already
24 provides service for an area, other carriers have
25 a right to compete and provide service to the same

1 area.

2 The applicant published notice of the
3 filing of the application to the Council in The
4 Hartford Courant on September 5 and September 6,
5 2017. The Council's legal notice of the date and
6 time of this hearing was published in The Hartford
7 Courant on November 1, 2017. Upon this Council's
8 request, the applicant erected a sign at the
9 proposed site so as to inform the public of the
10 name of the applicant, the type of facility, the
11 hearing date and location, and contact information
12 for the Council.

13 This afternoon members of the Council,
14 staff and public personally conducted a field
15 review of the proposed site in order to observe
16 firsthand the potential effects of the proposal.

17 This hearing session tonight has been
18 reserved for the public to make short statements
19 into the record. These public statements are not
20 subject to questions from the parties or the
21 Council, and members of the public making
22 statements may not ask questions of the parties or
23 the Council. These statements will become part of
24 the record for Council consideration. Again,
25 there's a sign-up sheet in the back for those who

1 wish to participate.

2 As a reminder to all, off-the-record
3 communication with a member of the Council or a
4 member of the Council's staff upon the merits of
5 this application is prohibited by law.

6 I wish to note that parties, including
7 their representatives and witnesses, are not
8 allowed to participate in the public comment
9 session. I also wish to note for those who are
10 here, and for the benefit of your friends and
11 neighbors who are unable to join us for the public
12 comment session, that you or they may send written
13 statements to the Council within 30 days of the
14 date hereof, and such written statements will be
15 given the same weight as if spoken at the hearing.

16 We ask each person making a public
17 statement in this proceeding to confine his or her
18 statements to the subject matter before the
19 Council, and to avoid unreasonable repetition so
20 we may hear all the concerns you and your
21 neighbors may have. Please be advised that the
22 Council cannot answer questions from the public
23 about the proposal.

24 A verbatim transcript will be made of
25 this hearing and deposited with the Glastonbury

1 Town Clerk's Office for the convenience of the
2 public.

3 Before I call on members of the public
4 to make a statement, I'd like to request the
5 applicant to make a brief presentation describing
6 where the facility is proposed, why it's
7 necessary, and the alternatives that were
8 investigated.

9 MR. DESANTIS: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
10 My name is A.J. DeSantis with Infinigy
11 Engineering. We're the design firm contracted to
12 do the design work for the proposed
13 telecommunication site located at 63 Woodland
14 Street in Glastonbury, Connecticut.

15 The site is located on a large parcel
16 which is currently used for agricultural purposes.
17 The proposed site will be located to the southwest
18 of the parcel. Access to the site will be via a
19 20 foot wide access and utility easement utilizing
20 an existing drive that exists for approximately
21 3,750 feet, where at that point it will turn south
22 towards the site in a new access drive for
23 approximately 650 feet.

24 The setbacks for the tower. Given the
25 large size of this parcel, the three setbacks that

1 we wanted to represent are the closer setbacks,
2 most notably to the south it's 485 feet directly
3 to the south, to the east it's approximately 1,525
4 feet, and to the west it's approximately 795 feet.

5 The next sheet here that I'd like to
6 present has a close-up view of what the fenced
7 compound and facility would actually look like.
8 My colorings are just made so that the line work
9 jumps off the paper a little bit more. The orange
10 line represents the gravel access drive that would
11 be installed. The brown dashed lines represent
12 the lease area and the access easement. Inside
13 the lease area, the 100 by 100 lease area, there
14 will be a 50 foot by 50 foot fenced compound that
15 will surround any of the proposed
16 telecommunications ground equipment, as well as
17 the monopole tower itself. T-Mobile has proposed
18 an equipment pad in the southeast corner of the
19 fenced equipment compound.

20 And lastly, the elevation diagram shows
21 that the tower, the proposed tower, will be a
22 monopole tower, meaning that it will have one --
23 it will appear as one vertical structure with
24 different antenna arrays should future carriers
25 collocate. This proposal includes T-Mobile at the

1 146 foot center line with the top of the tower
2 being 150 feet. Again, the ground equipment will
3 have a chain link fence surrounding it all within
4 the lease area.

5 THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you.

6 I'll now call on those only two people
7 who signed the list. The first, Mr. Jim Mahoney.

8 When you go to the podium, would you
9 please spell your last name so we make sure we get
10 it correctly for the stenographer?

11 JAMES MAHONEY: Jim Mahoney,
12 M-A-H-O-N-E-Y. I missed the 3 o'clock meeting.
13 That's the one I really wanted to go to. I didn't
14 know about it.

15 So I'm going to make a statement. I
16 think cell towers are a fact of life. I don't
17 have any opinion of what they look like, whether
18 it's a pine tree or a little Eiffel Tower. It
19 doesn't matter to me.

20 I have a degree from the University of
21 Hartford in electronics, 27 years with the federal
22 government as an electronics technician, and now I
23 work with the institute -- I work with people at
24 the International Institute for Building Biology
25 and Ecology, and I do some testing for them.

1 So my concern is microwave radiation.
2 So basically I'd like to welcome everybody to the
3 experiment. You're in it. You can't opt out.
4 We're not going to know the real dangers until
5 time, you know. I mean, there's so little time
6 that has been devoted to research now. I mean,
7 the iPhone is just ten years old. Wait five years
8 and see what happens.

9 I have a poster at home. It says by
10 three independent studies more doctors smoke Camel
11 cigarettes than any other brand. Those are
12 independent studies. So you're going to get
13 independent studies that are funded by the
14 telecommunications industry, and you know the
15 answers before you even get the test results.

16 So I have to go off to the American
17 Legion. I'm the chaplain. So I've got to go. So
18 that's my statement. Thank you.

19 THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you.

20 Mr. Mark DeCapua. Did I get that
21 right?

22 MARK DeCAPUA: Close enough. Mark
23 DeCapua. Last name is D-E-C-A-P-U-A. I live at
24 485 Hopewell Road in South Glastonbury, right
25 across from Cotton Hollow Preserve, and I've been

1 there for 23 years.

2 I have no cell phone service. If
3 anything happens to my family and there's no
4 landline, I'm at a disadvantage for anybody coming
5 to help us out. I also have strangers coming from
6 Cotton Hollow Preserve and the Grange pool, which
7 does not have cell phone service, coming to my
8 house asking to use my landline to assist them,
9 whether they need rides or they're injured. We've
10 had car accidents in front of the house. We've
11 had to assist with our landline phone because the
12 people getting hurt couldn't use their cell
13 phones.

14 And with the way the drainage is on
15 that road with the black ice, especially this
16 weekend, my biggest fear is for the safety of the
17 public that if anything happens through that area,
18 God forbid a school bus crashed, for instance, and
19 there's nobody around, emergency vehicles will not
20 be able to get there because no one knows that
21 situation happened.

22 So, again, I'm in favor of it. And I
23 think for the public that uses the Grange pool and
24 Cotton Hollow Preserve, that area needs this cell
25 phone tower. Thank you.

1 THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you.

2 Did anybody else sign up? I guess it's
3 relatively few. Would anybody like to make a
4 comment before I close the hearing?

5 (No response.)

6 THE CHAIRMAN: Okay. So we'll now
7 close the public comment session of the hearing.

8 I'd like to announce that we will
9 continue the evidentiary portion of the hearing in
10 New Britain on Thursday, February 8, 2018, at 1
11 p.m. Certainly, all who want to can come, and
12 there will, again, be transcripts.

13 Please note that anyone who has not
14 become a party but who wishes to make his or her
15 views known to the Council may file written
16 statements with the Council until the record
17 closes.

18 Copies of the transcript of this
19 hearing, and the hearing earlier, as well as the
20 next one, will be filed with the Glastonbury Town
21 Clerk's Office. I hereby declare the hearing
22 adjourned, and thank you all for your
23 participation. And drive home safely.

24 (Whereupon, the above proceedings were
25 adjourned at 6:44 p.m.)

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CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the foregoing 13 pages are a complete and accurate computer-aided transcription of my original stenotype notes taken of the Public Comment Session in Re: DOCKET NO. 478, Eco-Site, Inc. and T-Mobile Northeast, LLC application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a telecommunications facility located at 63 Woodland Street, Glastonbury, Connecticut, which was held before ROBERT STEIN, Chairman, at the Glastonbury Town Hall, Council Chambers, 2155 Main Street, Glastonbury, Connecticut, on January 11, 2018.

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